

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Akihiro FUNAKOSHI *et al.*  
Title: A PREVENTIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT  
FOR PANCREATITIS COMPRISING IL-6  
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 24, 2009. Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time. Submitted with this reply are the required fees, and five (5) exhibits (G-K).

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this document.